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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-RECOVERY
PROGRAM FUNDS FOR PROJECTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY (DISTRICTS 2, 4) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends acceptance of \$783,946 in Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) Program funds from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles. These funds will be used for various Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the acceptance of \$783,946 in CDBG-R Program funds from the Community Development Commission is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to accept and incorporate \$783,946 in CDBG-R Program funds into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget, subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The amount of \$783,946 in CDBG-R funding has been allocated for projects that will be



administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to accept these funds into the Housing Authority's budget. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the projects and funds to be allocated to the Housing Authority; projects listed are part of the overall list of proposed projects under consideration for approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. A total of \$783,946 in CDBG-R Program funds will be incorporated into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On February 17, 2009, Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) appropriating \$1 billion in CDBG funds to states and local governments to carry out, on an expedited basis, eligible activities under the CDBG Program. The grant program under Title XII of Division A of ARRA is commonly referred to as the CDBG-R Program.

On June 2, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the County's Action Plan to accept and administer \$8,080,528 in CDBG-R Program funds from HUD. The Action Plan contains the County's one-year plan to carry out housing and community development activities funded by the CDBG Program. A total of \$783,946 in CDBG-R funds allocated to the Second and Fourth Districts will be used for projects to be administered by the Housing Authority.

Should the agencies receiving CDBG-R funds require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of these CDBG-R Reimbursable Contracts, these agencies shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the agencies' minimum qualifications for the positions in question.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Acceptance of FY 2009-2010 CDBG-R Program funds is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3) because it involves administrative activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. This action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

NEPA and CEQA review and clearance of CDBG-R funded projects will be completed on a project-by-project basis prior to funding approval for each project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAM

The projects meet HUD's national objective of serving low- and moderate-income persons.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Rogan", followed by a horizontal line.

SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

cc: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

Attachment: 1

Agency Name	Jurisdiction / Activity Name	Activity Descriptions	CDBG-R Project Budget (\$)
Housing Authority - Housing Management Division	Second District/South Bay Gardens Water Damage Rehabilitation CDBG-R	This project will consist of repairs to address water damage in four units at the public housing development.	\$ 120,000
	Second District/87th Street Roof Replacement CDBG-R	This project provides for the replacement of deteriorated roofing at one public housing development.	\$ 50,000
	Second District/Woodcrest I and II Roof Replacement CDBG-R	This project provides for the replacement of deteriorated roofing at two public housing developments.	\$ 200,000
	Second District/West 105th and 106th Street Roof Replacement CDBG-R	This project provides for the replacement of deteriorated roofing at two public housing developments.	\$ 80,000
	Second District/Athens Smoke Detector Replacement CDBG-R	This project provides for the purchase and installation of smoke detectors replacing defective ones in this public housing development.	\$ 15,000
	Fourth District/Carmelitos Senior Elevators CDBG-R	This project will modernize the two elevators at the Carmelitos Senior Housing Development. The existing elevators are deteriorating and pose a hazard to the residents.	\$ 318,946
	HOUSING AUTHORITY GRAND TOTAL		\$ 783,946